
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILDREN.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. (a) The department of human services shall
2 establish a pilot project to develop and operate facilities
3 statewide to assist at-risk children up to thirteen years-of-age
4 from low-income households. The department may contract with a
5 nonprofit organization to establish the pilot project.

6 (b) The pilot project shall:

7 (1) Assist children whose physical, emotional, mental,
8 social, or educational well-being is in imminent
9 danger;

10 (2) Provide a safe environment that promotes health and
11 nutrition; and

12 (3) Provide emergency care and social and educational
13 services.

14 (c) The pilot project shall develop programs to:

15 (1) Provide medical check-ups for homeless children upon
16 arrival at homeless shelters;

17 (2) Schedule educational activities within the shelter for
18 homeless children; and



1 (3) Provide shelter employees with training to address the
2 special needs of children.

3 The department of human services or contracted organization may
4 consult with the department of education or other appropriate
5 state agencies to develop these programs.

6 (d) The pilot project may provide other services or
7 develop other programs that provide assistance to homeless and
8 low-income children and native Hawaiian children.

9 (e) The pilot project shall cease to exist on June 30,
10 2011.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to
14 establish a pilot project for at-risk children from low-income
15 households.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
17 human services for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.
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Report Title:

At-risk Children Pilot Project

Description:

Requires the Department of Human Services to establish a pilot project to develop or contract to develop and operate programs to provide services and support for at-risk children from low-income families.

